

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the first paragraph in the specification setting forth the related applications and also the heading "Related Applications." This paragraph was added to the original specification on August 13, 2004. It begins with the phrase "This patent application is a continuation-in-part and claims priority" and ends with the phrase "all of the contents of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference."

Please replace the first paragraph in the specification together with the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" that was added in an amendment dated January 23, 2007 with the following paragraph and accompanying heading:

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The application claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/028,372 filed February 24, 1998 entitled Controlled Release of Substances, which issued as United States Patent No. 6,109,539 on August 29, 2000, ~~both of which are incorporated by reference~~ which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/880,124 filed on June 20, 1997, which issued as United States Patent No. 5,932,204, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/686,730 filed on July 26, 1996, and which issued as United States Patent No. 5,765,751. These patents and patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please note that in the prosecution of this application, a "related application section" was inadvertently added on two separate occasions. The first addition, which occurred on August 13, 2004, has now been deleted (see above). The second addition, which occurred on January 23, 2007, has been replaced by the immediately preceding paragraph. Thus, there is now only one paragraph pertaining to related applications.